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Heavy Flats (80 tons)

- As of 1 June 1954, the East German railroad had at its disposal 1,700 heavy flats (80 tons) type RRym. No more of these flats are being constructed for the railroads as it has now been discovered that the flaps at the loading end (which let down to allow passage from car to car) are not stable enough to prevent damage to the flaps and buffers when heavy vehicles (AFVs) pass over from one car to the next during the loading of a long train.

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Soviet Military Transports

- On 2 June 1954, three or four Soviet military trains arrived in Luckenwalde from RBD Schwerin and were unloaded at Luckenwalde.

KVP Trains

- A pair of trains [] each consisting of 20 passenger coaches, runs weekly from Stralsund to the Leipzig area and vice versa for the sole use of the KVP and VP members. The trains, registered in the normal timetable, are classified as express (Eilzuege); railway officials on the route are instructed to ensure punctuality. Buses meet the trains at Berlin/Schoenefeld and travel to Potsdam, in order to avoid passing through West Berlin.

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Brigade Duties

- In connection with the taking over of cross-Poland Brigade duties by personnel of the Polish railways to come into effect on 1 July, 80 East German locomotives will be loaned to the Polish railways. Transfer of these locomotives has already commenced. One locomotive column will remain under East German control and will be used both as a reserve and to ship transit trains to the Polish border stations.

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